

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
January 20, 2015
15-01

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Anthony B. Urban, Secretary
Frederick H. Booth, Member
Dennis H. Caza, Member
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations
Billie Jean Arseneault, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor
Linda Glaser, Auditor
Stratos Argiras, Auditor
Amir Alic, Auditor
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Nick Bonardi, Jan DiMarzio, Ed Callahan, Mike McLaughlin, Gregg Barber, Ryan Gloddy, Jamie Timbas, Dick Bouley, Rick Newman, Tony Rabbia, Averill Cate and others

Chairman Connors called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated December 16, 2014.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to place on file the Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period of July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

The Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warning letters/late financials spreadsheets were reviewed. Deputy Director Naik noted that both organizations responded satisfactorily. The spreadsheets were accepted and placed on file.

The Games of Chance State and Charity revenue spreadsheets were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

Action Item:

- a. *Lucky 7 rule – verbal update:* Director Kelley stated that he, Procedures Administrator King, Chairman Connors and Commissioner Presby attended the JLCAR meeting on January 16th. Ms. King announced that JLCAR voted to approve the Final Proposal for Lucky 7 Rule with the recommendation that the Commission work with Representative

Hatch to change relevant statutes (e.g. to clarify the applicability of deal fees to electronically produced tickets). Discussion ensued as to when the Lucky 7 rule would become effective and the process to be followed in approving each electronic machine before it is placed at its respective location. On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted that the rule becomes effective February 1, 2015.

The following guidelines will be used in the approval process:

1. Staff will develop a checklist, based on the rule, by which to evaluate each machine.
2. Staff will develop a checklist, based on the rule, by which to evaluate the tickets.
3. Each machine/tickets will be evaluated firstly by staff and then by the Commission.
4. All machines previously seen by the Commission prior to February 1, 2015 will need to go through this evaluation process.

Ms. King then asked the Commission for authorization to respond to JLCAR's conditional approval of INT 2014-13 and INT 2014-14 by inserting provisions of Pari 1000 relative to Bingo and Pari 1200 relative to Games of Chance, that were overlooked in the original submission, and are due to expire on January 20, 2015. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to submit a response to the Conditional Approval.

Correspondence:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to accept the correspondence and place it on file.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Gatsas noted that the account wagering balance information from Seabrook and Rockingham fall within the required limits.
- Supervisor of Game Operations Johnston met with a member of the Raphael Social Club and resolved the procedural violation matter satisfactorily.

New Business:

- Director Kelley stated that he and Deputy Director Naik would be attending a budget meeting at Ways and Means tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.
- Director Kelley stated that he continues to track the LSRs, one of which pertains to a casino and another to raising minimum bets.
- Director Kelley stated that the Governor informed him during her budget process of plans to merge the Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission with the Lottery Commission. He and Executive Director McIntyre met on Friday to discuss the merger.

Mr. Timbas and Mr. Newman both addressed the Commission. They stated their belief that the Lottery Commission was not a good fit for the industry and will work against the merger. Mr. Newman expressed concern with past statements by the chairman of the Lottery Commission that games of chance ought to be shut down. He did not believe that the Governor was aware of this.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, at 11:25 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Caza, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting:

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| Connors | - | Yes |
| Booth | - | Yes |
| Caza | - | Yes |
| Gatsas | - | Yes |
| Presby | - | Yes |
| Urban | - | Yes |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., in Room 100.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban
Secretary